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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PAID ON BEHALF OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO CARETAKER RELATIVES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2008, the Department of Social Services shall increase the
3 temporary family assistance payment standard, pursuant to section
4 17b-112 of the general statutes, for payments made on behalf of a
5 dependent child to a caretaker relative who cares for such dependent
6 child for whom such relative is not legally responsible. The
7 department shall increase the temporary family assistance payment
8 standard for such payments to the caretaker relative by twenty per
9 cent over the standard for such payments for the fiscal year ending
10 June 30, 2007. Any caretaker relative receiving temporary family
11 assistance benefits from the department for caring for more than one
12 child shall receive a rate increase, in accordance with the provisions of
13 this section, that is based on the aggregate temporary family assistance
14 benefit paid to such relative on June 30, 2007. For the fiscal year ending
15 June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall
16 increase the temporary family assistance payment standard for

17 payments made on behalf of a dependent child to such caretaker
 18 relative over that of the previous fiscal year by the percentage increase,
 19 if any, in the consumer price index for urban consumers.

20 (b) On and after July 1, 2007, a caretaker relative who cares for a
 21 dependent child or dependent children for whom such relative is not
 22 legally responsible who makes an application with the Department of
 23 Social Services for temporary family assistance benefits and is
 24 determined eligible to receive such benefits on behalf of such child or
 25 children shall receive benefits at a rate that is determined in
 26 accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To begin to close the payment gap that currently exists in rates paid by the Department of Children and Families to relative caregivers pursuant to section 17a-126 of the general statutes and the rate paid to caretaker relatives who receive temporary family assistance benefits on behalf of the child through the Department of Social Services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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